(*b*) whether cement is being sold to the public at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, a very small quantity which the P. W. D. was able to spare.

Petrol Coupons.

141. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of private owned motor cars in the State; and

(*b*) the general principle they have adopted in issuing petrol coupons to the owners?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 1255.

(*b*) Owners of private cars are given basic ration irrespective of the nature of their work. Supplementary rations are generally given for purposes which are considered to be essential.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know which are the purposes which are considered to be essential?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A list of essential services has been framed by the Government of India and this Government, more or less, follow that list.

Engineering Degrees of the Travancore University.

142. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Engineering Degrees of the University of Travancore are recognised;

(*a*) by the Government of India for appointment to the Indian Engineering Service; and

(*b*) by all Indian Universities?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The Federal Public Service Commission have recognised the B. Sc. (Eng.) Degree of this University provisionally, as a qualification for admission to the Engineering Services Examinations conducted by them, pending the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India).

(*b*) Steps are being taken for the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India), the premier Engineering Association in India, and the recognition of the degree by the other Indian Universities is expected to follow.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any Travancorean who holds the B. Sc., Engineering Degree has so far secured any appointment in the Federal Public Service?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: There are at present no graduates in Engineering of Travancore University.

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member raise his voice because the acoustic property of this Hall is imperfect.

Students admitted to the Engineering College.

143. ***MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students admitted to the Engineering College during the years 1117, 1118 and 1119;

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(*b*) the number of Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans in each of these years;

(*c*) the number of students admitted according to their communities;

(*d*) the total number of applicants for admission in these years;

(*e*) the number of applicants according to their communities;

(*f*) the number of students admitted from Cochin during the year;

(*g*) whether they were selected by the Cochin Government; and

(*h*) the number of students according to their communities?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH:

(*a*) *The No. of students admitted to the Engineering College during the years 1117, 1118 and 1119.*

Year.	*Degree.*	*Diploma.*	*Certificate.*
1117	26	22	43
1118	25	21	23
1119	32	30	24

(*b*) *The No. of Travancoreans and Non-Travancoreans in each of the years 1117, 1118 and 1119.*

Year,	Degree.		Diploma.		Certificate.	
	Travancoreans.	*Non-Travancoreans.*	*Travancoreans.*	*Non-Travancoreans.*	*Travancoreans.*	*Non-Travancoreans*
1117	24	2	21	1	43	...
1118	25	...	21	...	23	...
1119	26	6	30	...	24	...

(*d*) *The totat number of applicants for admission in the years 1117, 1118 and 1119.*

Year.	*Degree.*	*Diploma.*	*Certificate*
1117	119	89	60
1118	135	49	23
1119	143	55	28

(*f*) No. of students admitted from Cochin during the year—3.

(*g*) Yes.

(*c*), (*e*) and (*h*) The time and labour involved in collecting the information are disproportionate to its possible utility.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Having admitted a question is it right on the part of Government to deny the information asked for on the ground of the utility of the answer.

PRESIDENT: Yes, Government are entitled to say that the question that is put is of such a character that to collect the information regarding it is not worth the labour to be bestowed upon such an investigation. It is done in every House from Parliament downwards.

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